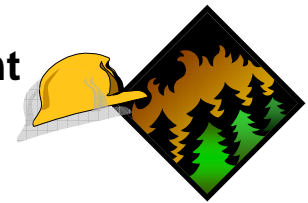


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Policy Interpretation of the Supplemental Qualification Standard for the GS-0401 Fire Management Specialist:

Human Resources, with input fire management, issued a policy interpretation to alleviate confusion over what degrees and/or courses are creditable toward the positive education requirement for the GS-0401 Fire Management Specialist. These documents identify the various requirements and the types of formal education and training which can be applied toward the positive education requirement. You can find these documents on the IFPM website.



Clarification on IFPM Qualification Determinations:

The National Fire and Aviation Executive Board (NFAEB) issued a memo addressing the Human Resources qualification determination process and what that means to your current position. Employees who are in positions which have been identified as one of the 14 key fire management positions have until October 1, 2009 to meet the IFPM minimum qualifications standards. You can find this memo on the IFPM website.



Position Inventory:

The IFPM position inventory data has been compiled and presented to the National Fire and Aviation Executive Board (NFAEB). The NFAEB has tasked the Federal Fire Training Task Group (FFTTG) to develop a plan to address the training needs. This position inventory data will also be used to base any future modifications to the IFPM Standard.



IFPM Implementation Team:

The IFPM Implementation Team met June 28-30 in Boise, ID. Several items were discussed including: (please check the IFPM website for further information)

- Modifications to, and use of the Interagency Standard Positions Descriptions
- IFPM position inventory results
- GS-0401 supplemental standards policy interpretation
- Hiring temporary (seasonal) employees under IFPM
- Minimum qualification standards for some of the 14 key positions
- Changes to the Interagency Fire Program Management Qualifications Standards and Guide ("the Big Book")
- Individuals previously qualified for the GS-0401 series based on the earlier standard of 12 upper and 12 lower division credits
- Clarifications to the IFPM implementation plan

